

### Lectionary Defined

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### Unity of Scripture

The Lectionary is important because it shows the unity of scripture. It shows the authorship of the Holy Spirit, by placing together in a daily lesson: the Old and New Testament; the Psalms that go with the Old Testament (OT) readings; and the New Testament (NT) Epistle and Gospel lessons that go together.

### Biblical Navigation

The Lectionary is important because it is the best way to navigate the Bible. It will lead you through the Bible in one year. There are few things left out of the Lectionary lessons. They are left out because they are (like long lists of names) meaningless to the Bible reader until that reader has an understanding of the Bible's main story line. Before Christ, the Lectionary was only the OT lessons spread out over the year matched with the Psalms that went along with those lessons. As they are now, the Psalms were repeated throughout the year as they coincided with those OT lessons. As now, the basis was always the Old Testament lesson, and that lesson or reading could come from more than one OT book. After Christ's death on the Cross, the New Testament lessons were added to the Lectionary based on how they brought life to those OT lessons and the Psalms. Since the Cross of Christ, we know that we all are now Priests and Kings, and we all have callings that we need to answer. So, we all have a cross to bear. From that Lectionary, We also know God is still using his chosen people the Jews for their original purpose, to attract people so they can see their need and he can show them their life in his son, Jesus Christ. The Bible is God's story, or History. All history has a prophetic element. Accounts must be set up in advance for the story to make any sense. The stories of Christians in that Lectionary are part of that story. The Lectionary organizes the Bible Story so History makes sense. Therefore, it is the best way to navigate the Bible.

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